10) Consider extension of runway for Pondicherry airport consulting Airports Authority of India

11) Develop hotels in Pondicherry seeking if necesary private investment and working through tour operators

12) Develop the temple town of Karaikal town for purposes of tourism (Rs. 210 crores)

Development of infrastructure in U.P.

†787. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive National Scheme has been formulated by State Government of Uttar Pradesh for development of infrastructure in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated by the Central Government for the said purpose; and

(d) the amount spent so far out of the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) State Government of Uttar Pradesh has not formulated any National Scheme for development of infrastructure in the State.

Foreign experts in Consultative Committee of Planning Commission

788. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a constituent of Government was against the foreign experts appointed in the Consultative Committees of the Planning Commission; and

(b) whether the solution of completely dissolving the Consultative Committee was not a case of throwing out the baby with the bath water?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir. Representations against the inclusion of certain individuals in the Consultative Groups were received from various sources outside the Government.

(b) No, Sir. It has been decided to consult individuals separately as part of the Mid Term Appraisal process.

Multi-national agencies in Planning Commission

789. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several multi-national agencies were appointed in the recent past to work in the Planning Commission;

(b) the details of such foreign agencies engaged by the Commission, area of activities allotted to respective agencies and the terms of their appointment;

(c) whether their engagements were based on any formal agreement between the Commission and the respective agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that Commission has since terminated appointments of all these foreign agencies;

(f) if so, the reasons for termination of their appointments; and

(g) the financial impact of such termination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission had announced the formation of Consultative Groups covering different areas for the Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—07). These Groups included, amongst others, some individuals working with the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and International Consultancy Firms in India.

(c) and (d) There was no formal agreement between these agencies and the Planning Commission.